GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2816
ANSWERED ON:01.08.2002
RAILWAY SAFETY FUND
IQBAL AHMED SARADGI

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Railways Rs.17,000 crore Special Safety Fund would be judiciously used for speedy replacement of age old systems and skill upgradation;

(b) if so, whether statistics show about two thirds of rail accidents take place due to human failure and mistakes;

(c) if so, the extent to which this Special Safety Fund has been utilised so far to check the rail accidents;

(d) the concrete steps taken to finalise for its implementation; and

(e) the extent to which the rail accidents have been reduced since then?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) to (e) : A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2816 SHRI IQBAL AHMED SARADGI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 01.08.2002 REGARDING RAILWAY SAFETY FUND.

(a) A non-lapsable `Special Railway Safety Fund` of Rs.17000 crore has been set up to wipe out the arrears in renewal of over-aged assets such as track, bridges, rolling stock and signalling gears etc. within a fixed time frame of 6 years.

(b) Yes, Sir. About 84 % accidents take place due to human errors, including failure of road users to take precautions while negotiating manned and unmanned level crossings.

(c) Special Railway Safety Fund (SRSF) has been set up with effect from October 2001 and allocation to the tune of Rs.1400 crore was made in the Revised Estimate for the year 2001-02. In the year 2002-03 (Budget Estimate) an amount of Rs.2210 crore has been provided.

(d) & (e) As the renewals and other identified works to be undertaken under SRSF are likely to be completed by 2006-07, subject to availability of funds, the quantification of reduction in the number of accidents is not feasible at present.